



Cass County EMS Board



Call To Order

Mike Deitrich
President

The January 12, 2022, meeting was called to order with Mike Deitrich, Brent Ahrens, Rick Bair, Ed Schroder, Dave Morris, Ryan Browning present and Brian Reed absent.

Brent Ahrens
Vice President

A motion was made by Ryan Browning and second by Ed Schroder to accept the previous meeting minutes. The motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

Rick Bair
Secretary

Director Fort reported that the Carrol County truck was needing to have a new engine. Ryan Browning had talked with him about this prior to the meeting and gave the ok to proceed with the new engine. It is going to cost \$11,000.00 to have the engine installed with labor. The board agreed that the condition of the truck is in good shape and that essentially we would have this truck at the price tag of 11,000.00 is a good deal. The Winchester truck is still waiting to have the radio installed and the power cots are delivered and will be installed soon.

Board Members

Ed Schroder
Dave Morris
Ryan Browning
Brian Reed

New Business:

Director reported on the continued work on finding a sponsoring hospital and Medical Director. He has been working with Melissa Siegel at Franciscan health in Crown Point. Melissa was on a conference call with us and spoke about the Franciscan Crown Point facility and how they would like to become our sponsoring hospital and also provide medical direction through Dr. Lombardi. They would provide this service free of charge and also take on the volunteer agencies in Cass County. This would be done through a 2 year contract and they would provide Audit & Review at this time it is being done through virtual meetings but hopefully go back to in person once COVID is under control. Franciscan has been in sponsoring agency for over 27 years. They also offer free CPR certifications and have one of the highest success rates in EMT and Paramedic pass rates. They would like to work along CCEMS in becoming a training hub for these classes.

Board Attorney

Jeffrey Stanton

A motion was made by Ryan Browning & Second by Brent Ahrens to proceed with an agreement between CCEMS and Franciscan Crown Point for medical direction and becoming a sponsoring agency. The motion passed 6-0.

Director Fort also reported that CCEMS passed the Medicaid survey and Medicare survey will be completed in the near future.

The year end numbers were presented by Director Fort.
1,030 miles driven
306 Total Calls
Billed amount 200,898.91 expect to recover 40%



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Director Fort also spoke with the board about the other truck that is located in Pennsylvania. It is a 2019 F350 4x4 the asking price is 139,000.00. It has 25,000 miles and is a lease buy out. Brent Ahrens is going to contact the dealership in the AM and report back to the board about the truck. A motion was made by Ed Schroder and second by Ryan Browning that if after Brent speaks with them about the truck and informs the board if all appears to be okay that we would then make a recommendation to County Commissioners to make the purchase. This motion passed 6-0.

Brent Ahrens
Vice President

Attorney Comments

Rick Bair
Secretary

Attorney Stanton spoke in regard to CMS mandate he has been watching it closely and as of now it doesn't appear to be mandated for EMS and Fire units. Although there is still some question with the federal funding we accept if this would have any effect on it.

Public Comments

Board Members

Lora Redwick also commented on the mandate wanting to make sure that if it wasn't followed would it effect any federal funds.

Ed Schroder
Dave Morris
Ryan Browning
Brian Reed

Board Member Comments

Dave Morris asked the director about any staffing issues the Director said that they did have some COVID issues with staff but they have worked through it.

Board Attorney

Ryan Browning told the Director that he needs to slow down from working all the hours he has been. He doesn't want burn out fatigue to happen and that he is concerned that it could become a problem if he continues putting in the hours that he has been. He ordered him to slow down or he would have to mandate it through discipline.

Jeffrey Stanton

Rick Bair commended the Director and Staff n the work they have been doing. The department has had many positive comments about the service and thanked them for this.

Mike Deitrich asked about the replacement of Defib pads CCEMS currently does not have compatible pads however the Sheriff has said that he has some in inventory and that would assist with replacing. Mike also asked how the part time staff hiring is going. Director has had a couple interviews set up but with illnesses it has been difficult to do many at the moment.

Motion was made by Mike Deitrich and second by Rick Bair to cancel January 19 meeting and meet at January 26. Motion passed 6-0

Motion to adjourn Ed Schroder and Second Rick Bair.